

MINUTE ITEM

22. APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO CONDUCT SUBMARINE GEOPHYSICAL OPERATIONS;
SAN DIEGO, ORANGE, LOS ANGELES, VENTURA, AND SANTA BARBARA COUNTIES;
RICHFIELD OIL CORPORATION - W.O. 4036, P.R.C. 2765.1.

Following presentation of Calendar Item 24 attached, Commissioner Cranston reported receipt of a number of communications from the body public in Orange County, inclusive of a letter from the Coastal Area Protective League, signed by Victor Andrews, regarding objections to the application by Richfield Oil Corporation for a permit to conduct submarine geophysical operations in the area offshore southern Orange County. The specific area of concern is in Orange County, extending seaward of the northerly limits of the City of Newport Beach to the Orange-San Diego County line, an area limited as to lease offer by the Cunningham-Shell Act.

The Executive Officer reported that statements of nonobjection had been received from the City and County of Santa Barbara and from the County of San Diego, and that the Counties of Los Angeles and Ventura had never filed an objection to a permit of the subject type during the last ten years. It was noted further that between 1950 and 1960, sixteen exploration permits had been issued, which included the restricted Orange County offshore area, without objection, except in one qualified case where Orange County neither concurred nor objected to the permit. Also, another permittee currently is operating under a geophysical permit, covering the same area in Orange County, without objection by the County.

Mr. Kenneth Sampson, Manager of the Orange County Harbor District, upon invitation of the Commission informed them that he was present at the meeting at the request of the Orange County Board of Supervisors; that it was not the Supervisors' desire to hold up the Richfield application, but only to have excluded from the permit the area limited as to leasing by the Cunningham-Shell Act. Mr. Sampson stated that a resolution adopted by the Orange County Coast Association, representing all of the cities and organizations of the Orange County coast, would be forwarded to the Commission at a later date.

Commissioner Cranston moved that an exploration permit be granted, excluding therefrom the controversial area in Orange County, with a permit for this area to be considered at the next Commission meeting if Richfield so desired.

Mr. K. M. Cook of the Richfield Oil Corporation indicated the acceptability of a permit on the amended basis, and advised that his company would desire to have a future hearing to consider a permit for the restricted area.

Mrs. Duncan Stewart, on behalf of Mr. Andrews of the Coastal Area Protective League, indicated that issuance of the permit on the amended basis would meet with their approval.

UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED:

A 36, 37, 44, 46, 50, 51, 60, 61,
68, 70, 74, 75, 77, 78, 79 & 80
S 31, 33, 35, 38 & 40

THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER IS AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE A PERMIT TO RICHFIELD OIL CORPORATION, CONFORMING TO ALL OPERATING CONDITIONS ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSION, FOR THE CONDUCT OF GEOPHYSICAL EXPLORATION OPERATIONS ON THOSE TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION LYING BETWEEN A LINE DRAWN DUE WEST FROM POINT CONCEPTION, SANTA ARBARA COUNTY, AND THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, EXCEPT FOR THAT AREA BETWEEN THE NORTHERLY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH TO THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF ORANGE COUNTY, FOR A SIX-MONTH PERIOD FROM AUGUST 1, 1961, THROUGH JANUARY 31, 1962. THE PERMITTEE IS TO REIMBURSE THE STATE LANDS DIVISION FOR ALL OF ITS INSPECTION COSTS. THE PERMIT IS TO BE EFFECTIVE ONLY AS LONG AS A CONCURRENT PERMIT BY THE FISH AND GAME COMMISSION IS IN EFFECT FOR THE SAME OPERATING AREA.

Attachment

Calendar Item 24 (1 page)

CALENDAR ITEM

24.

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO CONDUCT SUBMARINE GEOPHYSICAL OPERATIONS, SAN DIEGO, ORANGE, LOS ANGELES, VENTURA, AND SANTA BARBARA COUNTIES, RICHFIELD OIL CORPORATION - W.O. 4036.

Richfield Oil Corporation has made application for authorization to conduct submarine geophysical exploration operations on those tide and submerged lands under the jurisdiction of the State Lands Commission lying between a line drawn due West from Point Conception, Santa Barbara County, and the southern boundary of the State of California. The Boards of Supervisors of the counties of Santa Barbara, Ventura, Los Angeles, Orange, and San Diego, and the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Santa Barbara have been informed that this application is to be considered. The statutor, filing fee has been paid by the applicant.

Richfield Oil Corporation has also submitted an application to the Department of Fish and Game for the conduct of seismic operations covering the above-described area.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO ISSUE A PERMIT TO RICHFIELD OIL CORPORATION, CONFORMING TO ALL OPERATING CONDITIONS ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSION, FOR THE CONDUCT OF GEOPHYSICAL EXPLORATION OPERATIONS ON THOSE TIDE AND SUBMERGED LANDS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION LYING BETWEEN A LINE DRAWN DUE WEST FROM POINT CONCEPTION, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY, AND THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, FOR A SIX-MONTH PERIOD FROM AUGUST 1, 1961 THROUGH JANUARY 31, 1962. THE PERMITTEE IS TO REIMBURSE THE STATE LANDS DIVISION FOR ALL OF ITS INSPECTION COSTS. THE PERMIT IS TO BE EFFECTIVE ONLY AS LONG AS A CONCURRENT PERMIT BY THE FISH AND GAME COMMISSION IS IN EFFECT FOR THE SAME OPERATING AREA.